POBTRY.

THE LADY'S DREAM.

BY THOMAS HOOD.

The lady lay in her bed, Her couch so warm and soft, But her sleep was restless and broken still; For turning often and oft From side to side, she muttered and mouned, And toss'd her arms aloft.

At last she started up, And gazed on the vacant air, With a look of awe, as if she saw Some dreadful phantom there—
And then in the pillow she burried her face
From visions ill to bear.

The very curtain shook, Her terror was so extreme, And the light that fell on the broider'd quilt Kept a tremulous gleam; And her voice was hollow, and shook as she eried:

*Oh me! that awful dream!

'That weary, weary walk, In the church-yard's dismal ground! And those horrible things, with shady wings. That came and flitted round,— Death, death, and nothing but death, In every sight and sound!

And oh! those maidens young, Who wrought in that dreary room With figures drooping and spectres thin, And cheeks without a blo And the voice that cried, "For the pomp of We haste to an early tomb!

*" For the pomp and pleasure of pride, We toil like Afric slaves, And only to earn a home at last, Where yonder cypress waves;"

And then he pointed—I never saw A ground so full of graves !

. And still the coffins came, With their sorrowful trains and slow; Coffin after coffin still, A sad and sickening show; From toil exempt, I never dreampt Of such a world of woe!

· Of hearts that duily break, Of the tears that hourly fall, Of the many, many troubles of life That grieve this earthly ball— Disease and Hunger, Pain and Want— But now I dream'd of them all!

* For the blind and the cripple were there, And the babe that pined for bread, The houseless man, and the widow poor Who begged—to bury the dead; And the naked, alas, that I might have clad, And the famished I might have fed!

"The sorrow I might have soothed, And the unregarded tears; For many a thronging shape was there, From long forgotten years; Ay, even the poor rejected Moor, Who raised my childish fears!

* Each pleading look, that long ago I scanned with heedless eye; Each face was gazing as plainly there, As when I passed it by; Woe, woe for me, if the past should be Thus present when I die!

* No need of sulphurous lake, No need of fiery coal, But only that crowd of human kind Who wanted pity and dole-In everlasting retrospect-Will wring my sinful soul !

· Alas! I have walked through life Too heedless where I trod; Nay, helping to trample my fellow worm, And fill the burial sod-Forgetting that even the sparrow that falls not unmark'd of God!

'I drank the richest draughts: And ate what e'er is good— Fish and flesh, and fowl and fruit, Supplied my hungry mood; never remembered the wretched ones That starve for want of food.

'I dressed as the nobles dress, In cloth of silver and gold, With silk, and satin, and costly furs, In many an ample fold; But I never remembered the naked limbs That froze with winter's cold.

The wounds I might have healed! The human sorrow and smart! And yet it never was in my soul, To play so ill a part; But evil is wrought for want of thought, As well as want of Heart !

She clasped her fervent hands, And the tears began to stream; Large and bitter, and fast they fell, Remorse was so extreme: And yet, oh yet, that many a Dame, Would dream the Lady's Dream!

MISCELLANEOUS.

[From the Pioneer.] LETTER FROM ONE OF THE HUTCHINSON FAMILY." Lever st., Manchester, Eng., Oct., 16, 1845.

We are now in a city of mills and misery, smoke, fog, aristocracy and pauperism. We came from Dublin almost on purpose to attend the great Free Trade Anti-cornlaw Bazaar, which opens to-day. We spent three weeks in Dublin, which, by the way, (speaking after the manner of bricks and mortar,) is a magnificent city. We found numerous friends there, the most whole-souled of whom were those well known friends of humanity, the Webbs, the Haughters, the Allens, the Warrings, and the Pools. They have done

(God bless them) all in their power to make us at home, and they succeeded very well.In our rambles about town, and in the country, we saw many things to interest us. Some of the scenery on the sea-shore is very fine. Jesse thinks that "Dalky Hill" is almost equal to "High Rack!"—We took a joint the other day on to the Dublin Mountain, accompanied by our friend John Classon. On our way up called at Col. White's mausion, and by permission of the Colonel's lady went in to see "eat eas inside." It is almost equal in splendor, to "Eaton Hall." To give you an idea of the furniture, I only need mention that a small card table cost three hundred guineas,—enough to buy a comfortable farm in New England. We sung a song, and left the folks "alone in their glory." Went to the top of the mountain, and there had a fine view of the whole city, and the country round about for many miles. All very fine, but don't begin with New Hampshire. After feasting our eyes on the scenes below, and taking an extra snuff of pure air, we descended and an extra shull of pure air, we descended and went to visit quite a different kind of buildings from Col. White's. (By the way, the Colonel's father used to peddle pins and tape through the country.) We visited numerous Irish huts where whole families live in one small room, say ten feet by twelve, built of a kind of mud-mortar, and covered with hay and straw .- I wanted to see the contrast, so I ventured up to the door of one of these huts, and looked in. It had no floor, except a three inch surface of mud, and the furniture consisted of a straw "bunk," an old table, (which couldn't have cost three hundred guineas) one chair, two milking stools, a few dishes on an old dresser and two pig-troughs,-The inmates, a man and wife, two children, (an unusually small supply,) and twelve or fourteen pigs. The man said, very coolly, pigs were rather dirty things to have in a cabin, but he had no other place, and he could put up with it because they were going to bring him a good price,—and, moreover, they were all he had to support his children, and pay the landlord, and the priest!— In another cabin was an old man, who said he should be a hun red years old next Christmas, and he didn't know what he should do, for he was almost past labor, and had nothing to depend upon but his hands. This is a sample of Irish peasantry.
We visited O'Connell's house, on Marion

Square. Had the pleasure of sitting in the great chair presented to him while in prison. They tell us that we heard one of his greatest speeches in Conciliation Hall. He struck a great blow against American Slavery at any rate.—Frederick Douglass made himself very unpopular with the Protestants here for speaking at the same meeting, because they say that O'Connell is fighting for Catholi-cism instead of liberty and reform. But the old man's voice if not his words tell me that he is opposed to tyranny, and a friend to the d all over the world. I have seen

him, and heard him. And I love him.

Next comes father Matthew. A more lovely looking man I never saw, and a better christian's hand I never grasped. I saw him at Kingston last Sandia. at Kingston, last Sunday week, administer the pledge to nearly a thousand people. is doing more for the improvement of the Irish people than all the doctors, lawyers priests, and politicians together. (Not much of a compliment by the way.—En.) There are two poor-houses in Dublin, con-

taining about sixteen hundred souls cach .-As a general thing they are, to appearance, better taken care of than thousands who live in the back streets; but one thing looked too much like what I have heard of American Slavery. As soon as a man and wife go to one of these houses they are separated forever, and have no communication whatever, except that once a week they are allowed to shake hands and chat half an hour or so, through a gate. And those inmates who have friends out are only allowed to see them in this way. For this reason thousands suffer most intensely, and many prefer to meet the "Phantom of grissly bone," than to be sent to the work house. Americans! be kind to the poor Irish who come among you; for they are an oppressed people. Let our land be, in reality, an asylum for the down-trodden. Americans can afford to be generous.

The most trying thing to my heart, since I have been here, was on board the boat that brought us from London to Liverpool last Tuesday night. There were about twenty cabin passengers, and over a hundred deck passengers,-the latter being men, women, and children, from one to two hundred hogs, a dozen head of cattle, and several horses .-They were all on one deck, in separate pens divided only by bars. And there poor Humanity was on a level with beasts, --nay not on a level;-for the horses had awnings over them, and Humanity had none! Several of the women crept over into the horse apartment and appeared to be very thankful for the little surplus of straw which the horses did not occupy; most of them, however, were in the open air all night. It was quite cold, tremendous rough,—and many of the poor creatures were sea-sick, while the spray was beating over them constantly. In the morning they presented a most heart-rending spec-Many of them were Irish peasants coming to England with their hogs and poultry to pay their rents to Lords who are obliged to keep a score of servants, and "a coach and four," in order to spend their income.-This is the way they do up business in this country. John Bull is a tyrant, and "can't be nothing else." Uncle Sam is a hypocrite, because he says he is a republican yet holds three millions of colored people in "chains and slavery." John Bull wants Uncle Sam's territories to help support Mrs Victoria and all the little Victorias—and I believe means to have them yet. But if Uncle Sam will let his negroes free, in six months, I'll risk all creation to move him a hair. I tell you Jonathan, it is for your present and eternal inter-

est to let the oppressed go free. Henry Russell is going through this coun-

try singing negro songs.
I have just been into the Free Trade Hall. I have just been into the Free Trade Hall. It is considered the crack Hall of the country. It is, by a long chalk, the tallest gettings up that I have seen anywhere. It is as big as two Fancuil Halls and a half, and will hold eight thousand people. It is now well filled with a little of everything, and the wo-

men-God bless them every where-are selling off things like smoke,—and all goes to the support of free trade. The Priests don't like this anti-corn-law business because it has a tendency to lower their wages. That's what I am told. I havn't got into the whole merits of the case yet, but so far free trade strikes me as the right thing. I go for any-thing that will in any way relieve human

My love to all Lynn and the whole coun-

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THE SICK PAUPER.

BY CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH. At all times comparatively helploss and dependent, childhood in sickness becomes doubly se: and hardened, indeed, must be the heart that can resist its touching plea for compassion and succor. Yet to this extent is the heart of man, and of woman, too, hardened by the all-absorbing principle of selfishness. The hireling who is paid for ren-dering attentions which are peculiarly the office of a mother, sister, or other near nexion, will too frequently be found faithful in their discharge only so far as the eye of the party holding the purse is upon her, even where the charge is the fondling child of wealth, and the remuneration abundantly large; but in the case of friendless paupe children, for whom a compulsory provision is made by law, and a niggardly allowance is doled out to the grambling recipient, for undertaking to look after the troublesome brat, what can we expect! The official considers herself ill-paid, even for the modicum of attention that she is obliged outwardly to bestow; and the poor aching head is less likely to be fulled on its pillow by the soothings of kindness, than to be further racked and bewildered, and frightened, by noisy outbursts of splenetic ill-humor, and complaints of the trouble imposed. The comforts of cleanliness, ventilation, fumigation, cool drinks, and encouragements to sleep, that in other cases are deemed indispensible, must not be dreamed of here. Loud tones, heavy trainping, slamming of doors, and neglect in every possible form, are matters of course. Long sickness in a pauper child is not to be tolerated; if it does not quickly get well, with out any fuss being made about it, better it should die and be done with; more will be left than any body knows how to provide

But there is another class from whom little mercy can be hoped; those who having a certain quantity of work to be done, and requiring it to be done within the shortest pos-sible time, at the least possible cost, hire pau-per children to do it. These employ two per children to do it. These employ two sorts of machinery in their business: one be-ing made of flesh, the other of wood and iron. a wheel or strap becomes entangled, it is set to rights by the proper workman; if so injured as not to allow of speedy repairing, it is thrown by, and a new one substituted, to avoid any delay. Just so it is with the human department. Why should any differman department. Why should any differ-ence be made? Why should not a child be worked as long as it can be compelled to go on, with a little occasional quick patching, and when it cannot, be thrown into the street, just as a broken wheel is thrown into the lumber room to fall to pieces?

It is not to be expected that the master's profits of a few hundred or thousand per annum, should be decreased to the amount, now and then, of one and sixpence, by allowing a little creature, that has worked itself ili in his service, to lie by for a week without forfeiting its eighteen pence; or to retain its claim to re-admission on recovery. But add to this the fact, that what the child earns is not at its own disposal, going to remunerate the person who has charge of it, for such food and such clothes as it gets, we may believe the lit is laborer must be in the position of a shuttlecock, struck alternately from one battledore to the other, until, escap-ing a stroke, it falls to the ground, and is

trampled into kindred dust. Our little Betsey Smith's situation is that of thousands upon thousands in this laml. One parent lost by premature death, through merciless exaction of labor beyond her strength, the other by total descriton, first of his duties, and then of his home. It is a small matter for whom she toils, or who is to deal out to her the very scanty portion of this world's goods that falls to her lot. Under a differ-ent system—under the protection of Christian laws, administered in a Christian spirit-no doubt such helpless beings would find a fitting asylum, where their bodies would be allowed to grow, their minds to expand, their constitutions to acquire some stamina, and their hands to become both active and strong for the various burdens and labors to which. at a proper age, they might be destined. But, alas! as respects the most numerous class of her people, the Christianity of England is a name, and her boasted laws of equal right and privilege are a farce.

Betsey Smith's employer having been cheated of the price of toil, not yet performed, by the craft of her step-mother, and having had, on the preceeding day, a little altercation with the parish authorities, as to their comparative claims on the child's future earnings, in which, with much trouble, he established his own, might naturally look with a suspicious eye on her absence. was perhaps, kept away to work for them under pretence of illness; for Joe had been ordered to report her sick. After trying in vain the effect of cross-interrogation, enforced with a few heavy blows (for the "question" is sometimes administered in that way without the superintendence of a grand inquisitor,) and ascertaining that the boy really knew nothing more than he had repeated, it was resolved, if she did not appear on the morrow, to send Kitty to the overlooker on a

mission of inquiry.

This woman, indeed, could have borne testimony that the little girl was so ill on the preceeding day, as scarcely to get through her work; and that she had even fallen from her seat through exhaustion; but the temptation of a walk, and a gossip, and a confiden-tial office in the eyes of the workhouse peo-ple, more than counterbalanced any inclina-tion to tell the truth, or any compunction for what she was helping to inflict on the inno-

dren would dare to volunteer a testimony, so long as she gave none. Accordingly, at noon the next day, Mrs. Kitty puts on her bonnet, a warm cloak, and showy apron, and pro-ceeds to investigate the mysteries of the workhouse. She happens to find at the door the very man who had conducted Betsey to her present abode; and he, unwilling to be kept from his dinner, by starting any difficulties, tells her at once where to find the child; adding with a wink, "You need'nt

say who told you."

The fomale overlookers of the pin headers is not more willing to pay a gossiping visit than is the old woman at the pauper child's lodging to receive one. They soon became very sociable; and after comparing notes, relating a variety of concurrent anecdotes, they arrive at the conclusion that there is not upon earth such another set of plagues and torments as beggar-children, nor any class of respectable persons so ill-paid and oppressed as those who have the charge of them; whether in a workshop or a domestic institution. Having settled this, and partaken of "something warm," they mount the stairs, enter the long room, and find little Betsey in a sound asleep, flushed indeed, and breathing painfully, but still in what might be called a luxury of rest, compared with anything she

has known for a long while.
"The lazy little hassey!" says Mrs Kitty, roughly pulling away the clothes that shaded her eyes from the light of an opposite window in that curtainless room, "there's no-

The rude jar, the harsh voice, at once wake the child, and to her terrified sight the apparition of her task-mistress, scowling over her, is the signal of something worse than either words or looks. She starts up in her hed, and sits, trembling and panting, with a broad stare fixed on the object of her dread.

"O, you're wonderfully brisk, all on a sud-en," remarks the old woman of the house, 'a while ago it was all lack-a-daisy! and you could'nt lift your head from the bolster;

not you!" "It's all a sham," observes Mrs. Kitty, "and she shall smart for it. Indeed, she ought to catch it on both sides her face, for she's deceived you, and robbed us. Only think of our suspecting you for keeping her to work, and whipping her poor little brother for not telling what he did'nt know, poor child!"

At hearing this, Betsey bursts into a most piteous cry; her sobs gradually increase in violence, till she becomes so convulsed as almost to alarm the two women who stand looking at her and at each other, muttering, "What's to be done?" At this moment a young lad, the parish doctor's apprentice, who had been sent to call in on the slighter cases, among the paupers, and report, but not to interfere further, runs up the ladder, and exclaims "Who is in a fit here!"

"It's a fit of passion, sir," answers Kitty.
The young gentleman feels the pulse, and shakes his head. "No, 'tis something serious, and she must be bled: fetch a basin, my good woman." Then taking out his new case of pocket instruments, he adds, "In such an emergency as this, I must not be so strictly attentive to the letter of my directions, as life may be lost. However you need not say anything about it; looking inquiringly at the old woman; whose grin of acquiescence shows that she will lose nothing by indulg-ing the young practitioner in a trial of his skill on this insignificant pauper child.

But Kitty has more at stake: she is resolv-ed to have Betsey back in the shop, in proof of her own discernment, and to gain some indulgence that she wants, in reward for the good service so discreetly performed. She good service so discreeity performed. She therefore says, "I beg your pardon, sir, but this girl belongs to us, and is wanted at her work. I'm morally sure she is ailing little or nothing; and I can't agree to her being bled unless the work-house doctor himself says 'tis needful."

"Well, I'm sure I don't care. The child is ill and unfit to work, but she is in excel-tent hands here. You may call for a draught n the evening; till then, my good woman. keep her quiet, give her cooling drink, and all that." So saying, he ran oil.

"Fine work some of them chaps make among beggars, trying their hands, when the master is away," says Kitty, "I was sorry master is away,"

to thwart such a nice young gentleman."
"I never do, if I can help it," observed the other. "They are often as clever as their masters, and if they do make a mistake now and then, among people that ain't of no con-sequence, it helps them to be more skilful careful when they come to practice

openly."
By this time, Betsey had sobbed herself into a state of insensibility, and lay quite still. The old woman threw the bed-clothes over her shoulders again, saying, "There, let her be till morning, and I'll send her off to you in working order."

Night arrives, and a cluster of shivering girls take possession of the cold room. Some thing has happened to put the old woman out of temper, and their poor supper is served out with a double allowance of scolding, while an inch only of rush-light is allowed them scolding, while to take up stairs. The girls who sleep with Betsey are inclined to grumble at the misera-ble condition of the bed in which she has been tossing all day; But finding her more distressed about it than at her own sufforings, they kindly bid her not to mind.

Having gathered a party about her, Betsy says, "Will you listen to me a bit?" I'd a own mammy not long ago; and she died, and I think I am going to die too; and I want to know where mammy is gone to, now she's dead; so can you tell me! "

Various replies were given. One said, "!I suppose she went into the grave." Another "When a body dies, there's an end to'emthe worms eat 'em up." A third remarked, "I never heatd such a rum speech." And a fourth, "Ghostesses is dead people: they come, whiles, and walk, and frighten folks."

This draws the whole party instinctively together; particularly as the last ray of light is glimmering in the dirty socket. It expires; but immediately a cloud that had obscured the full moon also passes away, and from a sky of the deepest blue that beauteous orb looks out, displaying its broad clear disc di-

cent boy; especially as no one of the child- rectly opposite the window, and throwing a stream of light upon the bed, and the group who cower and crowd about it. The sight seems to revive in Betsey's mind some long dormant recollection.

"I know," she says, "there's more in it

"Rhow, she says, there's more in it than that. I used to pray some pretty prayers once, and I wish I could remember them now, Do any of you know my prayers!"
"O yes," was the answer of several voices, while some laughed; and a fair little girl half whispers, "I often say, 'Our Father!" "That's it!" cries Betsey; say it now, will you dearth

The child settles her face to a serious look, joins her hands, bends her knees against the side of the bed, and devoutly repeats the words "Our Father!" "Go on," says Betsey. That's all: I don't know no more." And

several of the girls agreed that they used the same form of prayer, consisting of the same two words, and no more.
"Yes, there is more," exclaimed the sick child: "Our Father—our Father which art in heaven—that's it! that's it! and there's more

"It isn't true, if I said it," remarks one of the girls; "my father ain't in heaven, he's in prison, and going to be transported."

"My own mammy is in heaven, though," says Betsey, "and I want to go too, but I can't find out any thing about it. O who," she adds, in the most touching tone of entreaty, "who will tell me and Joey something about heaven?"

Poor child! there are many daily passing you by in the street who could both tell you, and instruct you in the only way to that blessed place. But their thoughts are otherwise engaged; their zeal has more distant objects; and for allowing you to perish in ignorance they must answer to Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heav-en."

A CURIOUS STORY.

An old gentleman in this city relates one of the most thrilling romances of real life, we ever heard of. In this romance he was a principal actor. Many years ago, in Vermont, an insane man suddenly disappeared. No trace of his whereabouts could be discovered, and many supposed that he was dead. Seven years after his disappearance, a person who had known him dreamed that he had been murdered by a certain family residing near at hand, and that he was buried in a certain This dream occurred several times, and was so vivid, that the dreamer related it, and induced other persons to aid him in dig-ging at the spot indicated in his dream.— They dug and found bones. They also found a button and a knife, which were identified as the property of the missing man. The family, consisting of a mother and two young men, sons, were arrested and imprisoned. The sons, to save the mother, confessed the murder. On trial, however, they plead not guilty; but were nevertheless, found guilty, and condemned to be hanged. The sentence was however commuted to imprisonment tor life in State Prison to which they were sent. Soon after the trial, a paragraph appeared in the Post of this city, which led the old gen-tleman refered to, (who was acquainted with all the parties in the affair,) to believe that the man supposed to be murdered was alive. He set to work, and by dint of inquiry, found the insane man on a farm in New Jer-sey. He was working on this farm under the supposition that it was his own. The old gentleman addressed him, saying: "Don't you know me!"

"No-never saw you before."
The old man dropped an English shilling, which the insane man instantly clutched. " Now," said the old gentleman, "tell me who I am, and who you are, and I'll give you that shilling."

The insane man did as required, and proved to be the missing individual. He was taken back to Vermont; and the two men released, of course. The insane man had, how-ever, to be exhibited publicly, and to thou-sands of people, before they would believe that "he was himself."

This story is truth, and can be easily proved by a reference to the legitimate records of the time. It is a most curious "romance in real life," and goes ahead of all the fictions ever invented. Why don't some dramatist take hold of it?—U. S. Amer. Republic.

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